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ABSTRACT

A central entity for administering terminals of a user is introduced. Terminals of the respective user register with this entity and leave information on the manner in which applications can interact with them and the methods of information exchange which are supported by them (protocols, data exchange formats, address information). Applications initiating interaction with terminals inquire from the central entity via which terminals a certain user can be reached. As a result of the inquiry, the application (if it is authorized to receive this information) receives a list of the terminals of the user. This list includes address information and information on possible data exchange formats and protocols supported by the terminal for each terminal.